Kutir Jyoti Programme in Maharashtra

1340. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the MINISTER OF POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kutir Jyoti Programme is under implementation in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that only meagre grants have been made to the State for this programme during 1997-98;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for meagre allocation; and

(e) the remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to improve quality of life of rural poor below the proverty line including Scheduled Castes and Schduled Tribes families. Union Government releases grant under Kutir Jyoti Programme to provide single point light connection to rural poor. The grant for this purpose it given to SEBs/State Governments through Rural Electrification Corporation. As per available information upto March, 1997. Rural Electrification Corporation so has far disbursed Rs. 6.07 crores as grant to Maharashtra State Electricity Board and State of Maharashtra has reported to have released 1,52,848 single point light connection.

(c) to (e) Out of the total grant of Rs. 25 crores for Kutir Jyoti in 1997-98, for all States Rural Electrification Corporation has made a provision of Rs. 1.40 crores for Maharashtra State Electricity Board for release of connection to rural poor in this year.

Actual Investment in the Power Sector

1341. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the MINISTER OF POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Electricity Authority has recently cleared power projects worth Rs. 4877.5 crores, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government are aware that the actual investment in the power sector at the grand level is not taking place and the clearances issued remain just on papers; and

(c) if so, instead of concentrating in the clearance aspect whether Govt. intend to see that actual implementation does take place, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) Details of power projects which have been accorded techno-economic clearance by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) during 1997-98 (up to 30.6.1997) are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Capacity (in MW)	Estimated Cost
	HYDRO SCHEMES		
1.	Vishnuprayag (HEP) (M/s Jaiprakash Industries Ltd.) State: U.P.	400	US$ 107.35 million + Rs. 1233.57 Crs.
2.	Turial (HEP) (M/s NEEPCO) State: Mizoram	60	Rs. 448.19 Crs.
	THERMAL SCHEMES		
1.	Bina TPS (M/s Bina Power Supply Co.) State: M.P.	578	US$ 175.41 million + Rs. 1820.62 Crs.
2.	Ramagundam TPS (M/s BPL Power Projects (AP) Ltd.) State: A.P.	520	US$ 369.30 million + Rs. 1073.56 Crs.

3.	Tuticorin TPP—Stage IV (M/s SPIC Electric Power Corpn. Ltd.) State : T.N.	525	US$ 321.86 million + DEM 145.89 million + Rs. 877.33 Crs.
4.	Narasinghpur Naph tha Based CCGT Plant (M/s GBL Power Limited) State: M.P.	166	US$ 77.74 million + Rs. 253.69 Crs.

(b) and (c) The Power Ministry has initiated inter-ministerial consultations to ensure increased capacity addition during the Ninth Plan. It is also proposed to monitor the progress of all Ninth Plan projects, co-ordinate the functioning of different agencies and facilitiate the necessary clearances and inputs on a continuing basis. Government has also adopted a Common Minimum National Action Plan with would *inter-alia* facilitate price and institutional reforms that would help speedy implementation of projects.

Power Tariffs

1342. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the MINISTER OF POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the present domestic, commercial, agricultural and industrial tariff charged by SEBs and licensees; and

(b) the likely tariff (including T&D charges) of IPPs which have been cleared so far after financial closure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) Statement showing the tariff charged for domestic, commercial, agricultural and industrial tariff by State Electricity Boards. Licensees and Electricity Departments as on 31.3.1997 is enclosed at Annexure. *[See Appendix* 181, *Annexure No.* 36]

(b) The tariff of a generating company shall be fixed in accordance with the Government of India tariff notification dated 30.3.1992 (as amended). The tariff of a power station is dependent upon its completed cost, technology, funding pattern, interest rates, type, price and source of fuel, taxes & duties on fuel and equipment, year of completion. electricity pricing laws and regulations etc. No financial package of any IPP has been received/approved by Central Electricity Authority, so far.

Impact of Cost Factors on Setting up of a National Power Grid

1343. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news report appearing in the Business Standard dated 14th July, 1997 under the caption "National grid plan hinges on cost of link between north, east";

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government to the observations made therein and facts of the matter;

(c) the details of progress achieved in establishment of National Power Grid so far; and

(d) the details of plan of action for 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has planned an HVDC link between Rihand and Bihartariff to be constructed by POWERGRID with a 500 MW back to